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SUBJ: ENTENTE LIVESTOCK MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

1. MINISTERS AND EXPERTS FROM FIVE ENTENTE STATES (IVORY COAST, DAHOMEY, UPPER VOLTA, NIGER, TOGO) PLUS REPRESENTATIVES FROM CONSEIL DE L'ENTENTE, FAC AND AID PARTICIPATED AT TENTH ENTENTE LIVESTOCK COMMUNITY MINISTERIAL MEETING FEB. 7 - 8 IN OUAGADOUGOU.

2. SESSIONS WERE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS ON POST-DROUGHT LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT, LICENSING AND CUSTOMS PROTOCOLS, AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. MEMBERS THANKED AID AND FAC FOR THEIR FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THERE WAS ALSO MUCH TALK ABOUT ELC'S FUTURE ROLE VIS-A-VIS CEAO (GENERAL CONSENSUS SEEMED TO BE THAT, IN LIGHT OF CEAO'S DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING STARTED, ELC WOULD CONTINUE DOING ITS THING).

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3. FINAL COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT MINISTERS ADOPTED, AFTER AMENDMENTS,

THE MINUTES OF THEIR JULY 5-6 ABIDJAN MEETING, REVIEWED EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES REPORT, STUDIES CONSEQUENCES OF THE DROUGHT ON CATTLE PRODUCTION, ADOPTED MEASURES TO RECOMMEND TO MEMBER STATES TO CONFRONT THIS SITUATION, AND APPROVED TWO PROJECTS FOR AID LOAN FINANCING, I.E., TOGO CATTLE TRAILS AND IVORY COAST CATTLE TRAILS AND ENTRY POINTS. THEY ALSO ADOPTED A LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS IN ALL 5 STATES FOR FUNDING UNDER FUTURE AID GRANT AND LOAN. UPPER VOLTA ELECTED COUNCIL OF MINISTERS PRESIDENT FOR 1975-76.
COMMENT: NOTHING WAS SAID ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF FISCAL/CUSTOMS PROPOCOL WHICH WAS TO HAVE GONE INTO EFFECT JAN. 1, 1975. END COMMENT.

4. BEFORE MINISTERIAL TALKS, EXPERTS WORKED ON ELC REFRIGERATED TRANSPORT PROJECT WHICH IS DESIGNED TO BRING FRESH MEAT FROM PRODUCERS TO CONSUMING COASTAL STATES USING REFRIGERATED TRUCKS AND RAILROAD CARS. TENTATIVE PLAN IS TO FORM JOINT STOCK COMPANY WITH A CAPITAL OF 100 MILLION CFA. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WOULD PUT UP MOST OF CAPITAL.

5. COPIES OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE AND LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS BEING POUCHED ADDRESSEE POSTS.

6. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON PROPOSED ENTENTE LIVESTOCK PRP AND ELC.
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